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SUBJECT: HERRERA CASE

REF: MANILA 8037

- 1. SENATOR RODRIGO CALLED EMBOFF MAY 26 TO INFORM HIM MR. AND MRS. HERRERA APPEARED AT HIS OFFICE EARLY THIS MORNING GREATLY AGITATED. MR. HERRERA (COMMON-LAW HUSBAND), WHO IS A DRIVER AT SAN MIGUEL GLASS FACTORY, HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM METROCOM ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE COLONEL ABADILLA "INVITING" HIM TO APPEAR TOMORROW MORNING (MAY 27) IN CONNECTION WITH A "CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATION."
- 2. RODRIGO ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT UNDERSECRETARY CRIOL BY PHONE BUT CRISOL UNAVILABLE, SO RODRIGO HAS WRITTEN HIM LETTER ASKING HIM TO INVESTIGATE ABADILLA ACTION WHICH RODRIGO MAINTAINS IS DESIGNED TO INTIMIDATE AND HARRASS MRS. HERRERA.
- 3. RODRIGO SAID MR. HERRERA IS EXTREMELY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT MEETING ABADILLA WHO HAS REPUTATION FOR HAVING TORTURED, BUT HE WILL GO TO MEETING. RODRIGO WILL ACCOMPANY.

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4. COMMENT: IT IS HARD TO FAULT RODRIGO'S INTERPRETATION OF THE INVITATION TO MR. HERRERA. ABADILLA HAS REPUTATION FOR USING STRONG ARM TACTICS. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED HE STRONGLY OPPOSES MATILLANO COURT MARTIAL. HOPEFULLY RODRIGO'S TACTIC OF INFORMING CRISOL (AND EMBASSY) WILL RESTRAIN HIM. STULL

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